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Cop's lawsuit against city dismissed by court

A federal court has dismissed the lawsuit filed by Wayne Police Sgt. Abraham Hughes against the city, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Mayor John Rhaesa and Personnel Director Alyse Leslie.

Hughes' lawsuit claimed that Nocerini unfairly interfered in the agreed-upon testing and evaluation procedure in naming a new police chief in 2018. He claimed in his filing that he had video evidence confirming that he obtained the highest score on testing performed by EMCO, the outside company employed by the city. He also asserted that both he and the other candidate for the job, current Chief Ryan Strong, were assured by Nocerini and EMCO officials that the promotion would be based on those independent test scores. He claimed in his filings that despite his higher test score, Nocerini exerted undue influence on EMCO officials to ensure that Strong was promoted.

> *Thus, both the police chief appointment and removal are discretionary acts, rather than contractual promises.*

The court, however, found that Nocerini was within her authority as prescribed in the Wayne City Charter to arbitrarily name the new chief. The charter, as quoted in the court decision, states, "all administrative officers of the City…shall be appointed by the City Manager for indefinite terms of office, subject to the confirmation by the Council." And "such officers shall be responsible to the City Manager and shall serve at his pleasure." The court ruling also states that based on the city charter, the city manager may remove the chief of police so long as the council agrees, "Thus, both the police chief appointment and removal are discretionary acts, rather than contractual promises."

The court found in favor of the city motion to dismiss Hughes' claims based on the city claim of "qualified immunity" and stated that Hughes' complaint failed to state or prove a constitutional violation of his rights.

"Qualified Immunity shields public officials from money-damages liability if their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known," the court decision stated.

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Wild Wings

Loss to Red Wings is win for Westland ice arena programs

Their streak remains unbroken.

The Red Wings Alumni, led by legendary player Joe Kocur and comic Dave Coulier, who portrayed Joey Gladstone on the hit TV series Full House, pulled out a hard-fought 7-3 victory last week over Mayor William R. Wild's Westland Wild Wings. The former professional players were helped to their 11th straight victory by hockey legends Al Iafrate, Dennis Hextall, Brent Fedyk, John Ogrodnick and Larry Murphy. The 11th annual game was a community event to raise funds for improvements at the Mike Modano Ice Arena and, as usual, drew a standing room only crowd of enthusiastic supporters. Wild's team, which included Pulitzer Prize winning reporter M.L. Elrick and WRIF rock DJ "Meltdown," was coached by Tony Award winning actor and co-star of the CBS series Blue Bloods, Greg Jbara. The Wild Wings, including Craig Cobetto and Luke Wild, fought valiantly but were no match for the retired professional players. The event was sponsored this year by North Brothers Ford. Proceeds of the event help fund youth hockey and figure skating groups who utilize the city ice arena.

Plans for Northville Downs development move ahead

Despite a slight delay, members of the City of Northville Planning Commission unanimously approved a Planned Unit Development (PUD) preliminary application for development at the Northville Downs site.

The project was determined to be "generally complete" by commissioners during the Feb. 15 meeting attended by about 170 individuals both in person and on Zoom. The next step in the process is the scheduling of a public hearing so community members can comment on the merits of the preliminary site plan itself. That meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the Community Center with a Zoom (online) option available to the public.

> *We want to see that the best possible, most charming addition to Northville is built here.*

Chairman of the Planning Commission Donna Tinberg said there were several steps yet to be completed before the project was approved in the city.

"There was a narrow scope to the meeting: to determine if the application was complete. And commissioners found that it was. However, a complete application does not mean that the site plan itself was approved."

Commissioners focused on the "completeness" of the plan noting that issues such as character, housing mix, traffic flow, integration and accessibility will be addressed as the process continues through regular development systems in the city.

"This is a long process," Tinberg said. "We have to focus on it step-by-step. We'll do good work at each step and then move on to the next one. When you care a lot, as residents do, it's hard not to let the fears carry you beyond that step. It may seem that our review is purely factual and technical, but we (commissioners) live here too and are feeling some of the same things as people in the community. We want to see that the best possible, most charming addition to Northville is built here. We want to work with the community and ask that they stay in step with us."

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The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets at the Summit on the Park community recreation center March 20 and April 24.

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State Rep. Jewell Jones pleaded guilty in a Feb. 15 to four misdemeanors and two felony charges stemming from his arrest on April 6, 2021.

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Things are bound to heat up in downtown Northville during the Chili in the Ville competition set for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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In addition to a plan for paid parking throughout downtown, the installation of permanent bumpout 'parklets' is being considered by Plymouth City Commissioners.

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Visitors at the Romulus Public Library this week will see new carpeting throughout a completely renovated adult services area.

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Sumpter

Finance director presents budget overview

Sumpter Township Finance Director Scott Holtz gave members of the board of trustees a quick overview of the municipal-budget situation during the regular meeting Feb. 8.

Holtz said his purpose was an effort to give the trustees a quick summary of the finances of the township as they approach the end of the fiscal year. He said that as the township had been through 75 percent of the fiscal year by Dec. 31, 2021, there should be 25 percent of the budgeted amounts left in the various categories.

"The General Fund is in pretty good shape," he told the board members. He said that the fire fund had spent about 60 to 70 percent of the allotted budget but that only about 45 percent of collections have come in. He said the police budget had only collected about 6 percent but that almost all of the funds have been expended. "Again, that is because of collections,"he told the board members.

"If we do not collect it all, Wayne County buys our delinquent taxes and will make us whole," he explained.

He said the rubbish fund balance was light but that was due to the billings from July through January not yet recorded. He noted that there was a transfer of $160,000 that had not been recorded and that a budget amendment for that amount was going to be necessary. He noted that there were also some other transfers that needed clarification or amendments.

Holtz explained that the township had received $490,000 from the American Recovery Act in December. He said that is half of the total amount and the remainder is expected in December 2022.

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He said the water fund was "doing OK" but could be doing better. "I need to do some more research," he said.

State revenue sharing is down 2.87 percent, he said, although he did not know the reason. While inflation is at 7 percent, he said, taxable value would probably increase by only 2 to 3.3 percent in the township.

Holtz asked the board members if they would prefer to return to quarterly budget reports and said he wanted to know "What do we want to accomplish in the next fiscal year." He said that he prefers to work on a multi-year budget especially when dealing with upcoming contract negotiations so the board could see the effect on the budget.

Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush asked Holtz how the rate of inflation would affect the township finances. Holtz said that while he thought there could be problem, he also felt the township could "cover it."

Township Clerk Esther Hurst asked Holtz if the current millages were enough to cover the operating costs of the fire and police departments. Holtz said that those departments are always covered by royalty fees although the costs in the fire department were difficult to predict as "we don't know how many fires we will have."

Trustee Don LaPorte agreed noting that the number of fire responses has increased dramatically from year to year with the number of new homes in the township.

Trustee Matt Oddy said the township budget is always short in the police and fire departments and the funds have traditionally been transferred to cover the expenses.

Hurst suggested that some communities charge insurance companies for having the fire department at the scene and asked if any of that expense was tracked in Sumpter.

LaPorte was solidly against that proposal.

"While I'm pretty sure the law allows for it, I don't think that would sit well with our public."

Trustees agreed that such a charge would not be acceptable.

CORRECTION

Trustee Peggy Morgan voted in favor of the proposal to pursue information regarding a potential pedestrian/bike path in Sumpter Township and the hiring of a new employee in the clerk's department during the Feb. 8 meeting of the board.

Last week, The Eagle incorrectly reported that she voted against the suggested $6.5 million federally funded bike path project to be administered by Wayne County and the hiring of a full-time employee to work in Clerk Esther Hurst's office.

The vote of the board members was unanimous on both issues with Township Supervisor Tim Bowman excused from the meeting.

The Eagle regrets the error and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

Township of Sumpter
2022
March Board of Review

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 14th, 2022	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 16th , 2022	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 12:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2022 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 14, 2022:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 15, 2022:	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 16, 2022:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 19, 2022:	9:30 am
December 13, 2022:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:18 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Clerk E. Hurst and Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 17 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with the following amendments;
TABLE: 14. New Business, Agenda Item A.
ADD: 14. New Business, Agenda Item G.
"Consider approval of Joanne Gardner as an alternate member of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission."
14. New Business, Agenda Item H.
"Consider approval of an amendment to existing Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Section 4.15.2 and Article 6, Section 6.37 to provide that outdoor sales of automobiles or vehicles in light industrial zoning districts shall be permitted land use subject to provisions of Section 33 Special Land use."
14. New Business, Agenda Item I.
"Consider approval to set a public hearing for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget at 6:00 pm on March 8, 2022 that will conducted immediately preceding the scheduled Township Board Meeting."
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) spoke

5. Minutes:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants totaling $920,518.40. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush
- Trustee Rush thanked Donna Stewart and Sharon Pokerwinski for the cleaning of the Parks & Recreation Building.
- DPW Director Danci has committed to replacing the hot water heater and the installation of a utility sink for the Commission's use.
- Commission is working on updating the Master Plan for the Parks & Recreation.
- The appointment of Joanne Gardner as an Alternate Member of the Commission. Joanne was the primary source of the new Butterfly Garden installed at Banotai Park.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report - Warren
- Treasurer Warren spoke of the recent BS&A Training provided for the back-up Water Billing Clerk functions and related information.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report - Warren
- Treasurer Warren reported that the Treasurer's Office is operating efficiently, smoothly and implementing new tools to meet all of the banking issues, compliance needs and working with the Finance Director for cohesiveness.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy
- One item of consideration for Planning & Zoning is being considered this evening (New Agenda Item H.) as it references approval of a Zoning Text Amendment and Special Land Use. The Township currently has a similar operation which borders the subject property and zoning district.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve the Planning & Zoning Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Seniors Report - Hurst
- The Seniors wish to pass on a Special Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the Christmas cookie tins! Approx 200 were handed out or delivered to our Community's Seniors Members, Homebound Seniors, Meals on Wheels and Focus Hope recipients.
- A list is being compiled for N95 masks distribution, when the masks become available in our community.
- Working with Wayne County, Clerk Hurst has secured 149 Covid Tests that, when available, will be distributed to our Senior Ctr Members free of charge.
- Clerk Hurst and Treasurer Warren have expressed a desire to sponsor a Blood Drive in our Community. The Senior's Ctr and Clerk's Office are working on the details and availability of this program.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Seniors Report as presented by Deputy Clerk Burdick. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Ordinance Report - Chief Luke
- The Ordinance Report provided is a 2021 Recap of the Ordinance activities.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Ordinance Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: None.

14. New Business:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to TABLE until February 8, 2022 the post, publish and hiring for the responsibilities of Payroll & Personnel Clerk, reporting to the Clerk's Office, effective January 26th, 2022 at the current AFSCME-CBA position and rate of pay. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Paul Armstrong as Board of Review Member, term to expire January 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Sandi Armstrong as Board of Review Member, term to expire January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to amend the current pay practice for the Sumpter Township Board of Review Members to a flat rate compensation of $50.00 per member/per session for up to 3 hours and $75.00 per member/per session for 3 hours or more. For mandated training or education, a reimbursement of up to $100.00 annually will be paid per member. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase water & sewer inventory items from Core & Main totaling $22,970.75. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to purchase two (2) Ford Police Interceptor Utilities for the police department under the FY2022/23 Budget Atchinson Ford for $81,212.80. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Joanne Gardner as an alternate member of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
H. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve an amendment to existing Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Section 4.15.2 and Article 6, Section 6.37 to provide that outdoor sales of automobiles or vehicles in light industrial zoning districts shall be permitted land use subject to provisions of Section 33 Special Land use. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
I. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to set a public hearing for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget at 6:00 pm on March 8, 2022 that will conducted immediately preceding the scheduled Township Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements:
- Trustee Rush advises that Spring is right around the corner and that means SkyWarn training for the community. He will advise on dates and location.
- Trustee Oddy advised that he wanted to acknowledge the County Warming Centers and that Chief Luke advised the Sumpter Twp Center is posted information for our residents. Sumpter Twp is 1 of only 4 county-wide centers that provides 24-hour access, as needed.
- Trustee Rush advised that the Board-requested evaluations for Fire Chief R. Brown and DPW Superintendent J. Danci have been completed. He invited any Board Member who would like to review the evaluations to visit the Supervisor's Office to review. However, due to the nature of the material, copies would not be provided.
- Supervisor Bowman mentioned a recent conversation with Supervisor K. McNamara of Van Buren Twp referencing the Belleville Museum and its status. All agreed a committee of Supervisors Bowman, McNamara and Belleville Mayor K. Conley to discuss the museum and its future. Future donations by surrounding communities will be suspended until the museum is opened.

16. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Students win honors for community service

The members of the John Glenn High School DECA in Westland were recently awarded the Thrive Level Recognition for Community Service for the 2021-2022 school year.

DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs interested in careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA provides co-curricular school programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition.

Each year, DECA recognizes leading chapters that have built strong local programs focused on serving an exceptional number of members, advisors, alumni and business partners. These chapters and individuals dedicate their year to academic and career preparation, community service projects, membership recruitment, school outreach activities and other DECA-related endeavors.

The John Glenn DECA members spread the word about the organization by speaking at a school board meeting, promoting the organization at an open house where they met parents and students to explain what DECA does. The group also hosted a school-wide Dress for Success Day.

"I am so proud of the members and their enthusiasm to help in their communities. They were passionate about donating and making the event special for the kids and their parents," said Beth Johnson, DECA advisor at John Glenn High School.

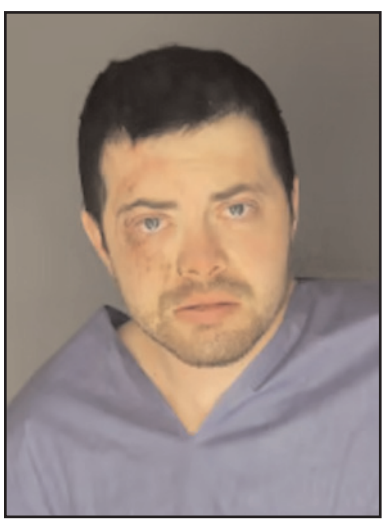
As part of the group community service campaign, the John Glenn students participated in the Norwayne Citizens Council Tree Lighting Ceremony by donating coloring books and crayons for children's stockings.

The members also distributed cookies and hot chocolate to all who attended.

Of the 3,000 DECA chapters at schools across the country, only 450 chapters earned this recognition.

Warm wishes

Paul Sposite, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus (Wayne) Notre Dame Council #3021, presented members of the Wayne City Council an official resolution of gratitude for their help during the annual Coats for Kids program this year. Presented during the Feb. 15 meeting, the official resolution from the group read, "A Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to the City of Wayne as an expression of grateful appreciation for outstanding participation in the 2021 Coats for Kids Program." Wayne council members and officials thanked the lodge members for their community outreach and continued partnership in city efforts.



Michael Steven Hicks

Wayne man facing murder charges in stabbing

A Wayne man is facing charges of first-degree murder and felony murder in the stabbing death of a Dearborn resident.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Michael Steven Hicks, 31, of Wayne, in connection with the homicide of Daniel Willard Sweeney, 78, of Dearborn.

According to the prosecutor, Dearborn police officers responded to 911 call at house in the 7510 block of Indiana at about 8:53 p.m. Feb. 11. A man, later identified as Hicks, was described by officers at the scene as disheveled, underdressed and without shoes in very cold weather. After speaking with Hicks, the responding officers entered the home to complete a well-being check on occupants of the house.

According to police reports of the incident, officers discovered the home had apparently been ransacked. They found the body of the victim on the floor of the living room covered with a blanket. He was transported to a local hospital and pronounced deceased.

It is alleged by prosecutors that the defendant stabbed the victim multiple times with a large kitchen knife and subsequently stole his car.

Officers reported that the victim's car was missing from the home but was later found by the police at another location.

Hicks has been charged and was arraigned on one count each of first degree murder and felony murder. Following his arraignment in 19th District Court he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail by Judge Gene Hunt.

He scheduled for a probable cause conference on Feb. 28 and his preliminary examination has been set for March 4 in 19th District Court.

Lawsuit

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The decision also said that Hughes' claims that Rhesea's, Nocerini's and Leslie's use of favoritism or self-serving criteria to hire and promote within city government was "irrelevant" based on Hughes' failure to prove he had a property interest in the promotion or that he had any due process protection under the city charter.

United States District Court Judge Stephen J. Murphy dismissed the constitutional violation claims in Hughes' lawsuit with prejudice and the claims of state law violations without prejudice.

"Because the court is declining to resolve the state law claims on the merits, the Court will deny the motion to dismiss the state law claims," Murphy said in his verdict dismissing the federal claims.

"We always knew that once all of the facts of the case were presented, the city's position would be vindicated and the claims made against city officials would be proven frivolous," Rhaesa said in a prepared statement. "As the city has always maintained, our position that the lawsuit was completely without factual or legal merit."

Rhaesa added that he was pleased with the ruling and exoneration of the city and "its hard-working employees."

Spring Tea Party is planned

The Wayne Historical Society members are hosting a Spring Tea Party:1922 from 1-3 p.m. March 2.

The event will take place in the Wayne Historical Museum and will be professionally catered by Victoria's Tea Salon. The theme is 1920s, so guests are urged to find a vintage costume or to wear a fancy hat.

Tickets are priced at $35 and can be purchased online through Eventbrite, or in the museum located at One Town Square in downtown Wayne. The link to purchase tickets online is: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-tea-party-1922-tickets-251465679617

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: Marcus Timmons

You are hereby notified that on November 12, 2021, pursuant to MCL 600.4701, the Canton Township Police Department seized, with intent to forfeit, the following described property: $161.50 U.S. Currency. You are not required to do anything further at this time to claim an interest in the seized property. A civil forfeiture matter may follow the criminal proceeding which will require further process of which you will be notified. You may contact the Canton Township Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, phone: 734-394-5400.

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SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
PRESENT:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor — Scott Frush, Trustee
Roger Lundberg, Clerk — Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Jason Rhines, Treasurer — Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Board of Trustee Round Table** – Discussed
2. **Brief Public Comments:** One member of the public had a question or comment for the Board.
3. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on February 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
March 16, 2022 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests.

- 18285 Sheldon Rd. - Chapter 170 Zoning - Article 22.5 (C), Nonconforming Structures
- 15489 & 15603 Centennial Rd. - Chapter 170 Zoning - Article 15.2(C), Office, Research & Technology
- 39500 5 Mile Rd. - Chapter 145, Signs
- 20031 Westview Dr. - Chapter 170 - Article 23, Tree and Woodlands Replacement

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans are available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: February 24, 2022

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2022 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2022 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment and can be in-person or submitted in writing. **Letters of appeal must be received by March 17, 2022 by 8:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.** Please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday March 08, 2022 9:00 am Organizational Meeting

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday March 14, 2022 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday March 15, 2022 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday March 17, 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website www.twp.northville.mi.us under Assessing, click on Board of Review Assessment Information or at www.michigan.gov/treasury under forms.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

Agricultural……50.00%
Commercial……48.66%
Industrial……49.82%
Residential……48.71%
Timber-Cutover…….50.00%
Developmental.....50.00%
Personal Property….50.00%

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

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Canton - Romulus

Romulus library reopens with new carpeting

Visitors at the Romulus Public Library this week will see new carpeting throughout a completely renovated adult services area.

The latest renovations to the computer area, circulation desk and meeting room will conclude the updates to those spaces in the library, a spokesman noted.

The library closed for a week to accomplish the installation and reopened yesterday, Feb. 23.

"When developing our strategic plan four years ago, we asked residents to share their thoughts on ways to improve the library," said Romulus Public Library Director Patty Braden.

"There were requests for expanded space, mobile tables and more comfortable seating. When people see what we've done with the space I think they will be pleased to see that their vision has come to life."

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Building renovations began in late October and are expected to conclude in early spring. Improvements include: a functional modern service desk with better lighting and a more user-friendly shape and size; a new larger computer area with power and data outlets on the floor for a cleaner space and easier internet access; an expanded meeting room designed to serve as one large room, or, with a partition, two smaller rooms; a sink, cabinets and outlets for patrons to prepare drinks or snacks for their groups; new carpeting in the updated sections expanding throughout the adult services area and new shelving compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act

The renovations are supported by the Romulus Public Library budget.

Taxpayers will not see an increase in taxes to support the funding of the renovations, Braden stressed.

To learn more about the Romulus Public Library, visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

Be-Bop Spartans will perform in Canton Saturday

The Michigan State University Be-Bop Spartans, a 25-member student jazz orchestra under the direction of Conductor Rodney Whitaker, will perform selections from their repertoire of jazz, soul, swing, and blues at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Joining the MSU performers will be special guest Stefon Harris, one of the premier jazz xylophonists, along with the Plymouth High School Jazz Band.

Harris belongs to the grand lineage of vibraphonists in jazz and is a master player and true virtuoso. Recognized as "the real deal" at a young age, Harris performed with Joe Henderson, Wynton Marsalis, Buster Williams, Kenny Barron, Cassandra Wilson, and many other legends - and made his recording debut as a leader on Blue Note Records in 1998, when he was only 25. Winner of "best vibraphonist" awards in DownBeat and JazzTimes polls, Harris has gone on to become a mentor to a new generation of players.

The Be-Bop Spartans are conducted by internationally renowned bassist Rodney Whitaker. A professor of jazz bass and director of jazz studies at Michigan State University, Whitaker has performed and toured with more than 100 legendary performing jazz artists.

Comprised of jazz orchestra I students, the instrumentation includes saxophone, trombone, trumpet, bass, drums, piano, and guitar.

Tickets to this special performance are $10 general admission or $5 for students and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to showtime.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187. For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Jazz xylophonist Stefon Harris

Canton hosting indoor Farmers' Markets at Summit

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets at the Summit on the Park community recreation center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 20, and April 24.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in these Off-Season Farmers Markets, including: Baubles by Barb, featuring handmade jewelry; Bittersweet Garden & Bakery, featuring a variety of baked goods; Blue Lilac Skincare, featuring skincare items; Boblin Honey - featuring honey; Deliteacious, featuring loose leaf teas and tea gift sets; Jessica's Confectionery, featuring chocolates and baked treats; Kapnick Orchards, featuring cold storage produce and baked goods; Kapolnek Farms, featuring a variety of meat; One Tough Cookie, featuring decorated sugar cookies; Pick Michigan featuring greenhouse produce; Sign Woodworks, featuring home and festive holiday signs and decorations; Spice Grrrl, featuring organic spices, teas and salts; STEAP, featuring loose leaf teas; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids, featuring a variety of cheeses; and The Rustic Red Head, featuring candles.

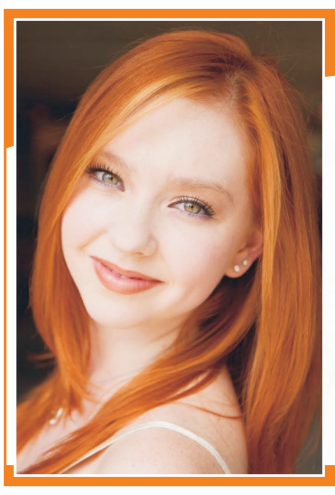
"Every winter we look forward to hosting our monthly off-season markets at the Summit on the Park to provide convenient access to our vendors," said Canton Health and Wellness Specialist Jennifer Franz. "Now more than ever we are glad that we're able to help support these local farmers and crafters who provide access to healthy food sources and unique items."

Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors. Social distancing will be required when shopping in the market area and face masks will be highly recommended.

All of these indoor Off-Season Farmers Markets will pick up where the outdoor regular season of the Canton Farmers Market left off. The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 8, and will continue every Sunday through Oct. 16 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5375.

The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, MI, 48188.



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The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is a $100.00 buyer fee per vehicle purchased through the auction made payable separately to Canton Township.
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2017 JEEP SW
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All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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Legislator enters guilty plea on multiple charges

> *He will be sentenced on all the charges on March 17 before Judge Michael Hatty of the Livingston County Circuit Court.*

After months of court appearances and legal wrangling, State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) pleaded guilty in a Feb. 15 court appearance to four misdemeanors and two felony charges stemming from his arrest on April 6, 2021.

As part of a plea deal with prosecutors, Jones pleaded guilty to charges including possession of a firearm while under the influence; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; escape of lawful custody and reckless driving. He also entered a guilty plea to two felony counts of resisting and obstructing police officers.

He will be sentenced on all the charges on March 17 before Judge Michael Hatty of the Livingston County Circuit Court.

As Jones was 25 at the time of his arrest, prosecutors will allow him to take advantage of the Homes Youthful Trainee Act which could result in the minimum sentence of two years probation on the resisting and obstructing police charges. The act, however, does not allow for reduced sentences for traffic offenses and does not include any of the charges filed after Jones became 26, which could result in jail time.

In addition to the guilty pleas, Jones wrote two letters, on official State House of Representatives letterhead, to Michigan State Police Troopers involved in the incident which took place on I-96 near Fowlerville. Following numerous 911 calls from motorists reporting the erratic driving of a black Chevrolet Tahoe, officers found the vehicle, registered to Jones, in a ditch at the side of the interstate. Jones and a female passenger, who was reported as "unresponsive" by EMTs at the scene, outside the vehicle, according to police reports. Jones refused multiple times to provide identification to police and became increasingly confrontational and erratic, according to police reports. Officers used pepper spray and a Taser to subdue and arrest him at the scene. Officers subsequently observed a loaded Glock pistol in plain view on the front console of the vehicle.

Jones' blood alcohol level was recorded at 0.17 percent following his arrest, according to the police complaint, more than twice the 0.08 percent limit at which a person can be convicted of drunken driving.

He was originally allowed bail by the court but violated those provisions at least three times prompting prosecutors to file for a revocation of his bond and remand to the Livingston County Jail. During jail intake procedures, officers discovered a handcuff key taped to the bottom of Jones' foot which resulted in the charges of attempting to escape lawful custody.

He was suspended from all his duties on the Inkster Auxiliary Police and stripped of all state Legislature committee assignments as criminal charges continued to mount.

As part of the plea deal, prosecutors agreed to dismiss two counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer, operating a motor vehicle with a high blood alcohol content, bringing a weapon into a jail, and attempted escape while waiting trial for a felony.

Rep. Jewell Jones

Inkster OKs purchasing partnership for electric cars

> *I'm excited to see greener transportation alternatives in the City of Inkster,*

A new contract will allow the City of Inkster to purchase electric vehicles at the same price as gas-powered cars and includes the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at no cost to taxpayers.

Members of the Inkster City Council unanimously approved a partnership with Royal Oak-based AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C to launch a new Inkster EV-Mobility and Economic Stimulus program.

Officials said having an established EV program, in addition to providing match funding, will give Inkster a competitive edge over other U.S. cities in vying for a portion of the $2.5 billion in grant money to install EV charging stations. Those funds will be available to local communities as part the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

"I am extremely hopeful about a more fundamental and a significant future. I'm excited to see greener transportation alternatives in the City of Inkster,'" commented Executive Assistant to the Mayor Saif Alsenad.

AAW raises funds through "hybrid" advertising-sponsorship arrangements with businesses, organizations, and individuals, and applies those funds to energy-efficient projects that save money for cities. In turn, AAW promotes the advertisers-sponsors, encouraging customer traffic and sales, according to the proposed arrangement. AAW representatives encourage advertisers-sponsors to take advantage of complimentary energy assessments from DTE Energy to help businesses reduce their energy costs and save money.

"We are very pleased to have one of Michigan's most progressive mayors and the City of Inkster join our initiative" commented Thomas Wither, CEO of AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C. "Mayor (Patrick) Wimberly is dedicated to the resurgence of his city, and we look forward to making Inkster one of the most EV-ready cities in America."

President Joe Biden recently set a new national target for the adoption of electric vehicles, calling for them to represent 40 to 50 percent of all new auto sales by 2030 and at her State of the State address, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said, 'Michigan put the world on wheels, and we will electrify it too'.

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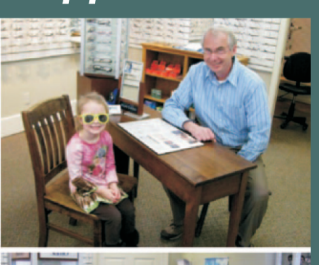

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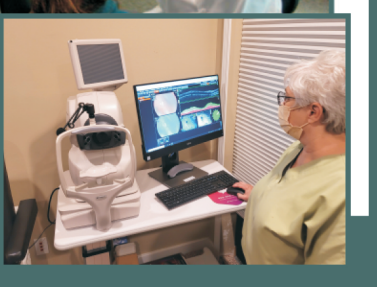

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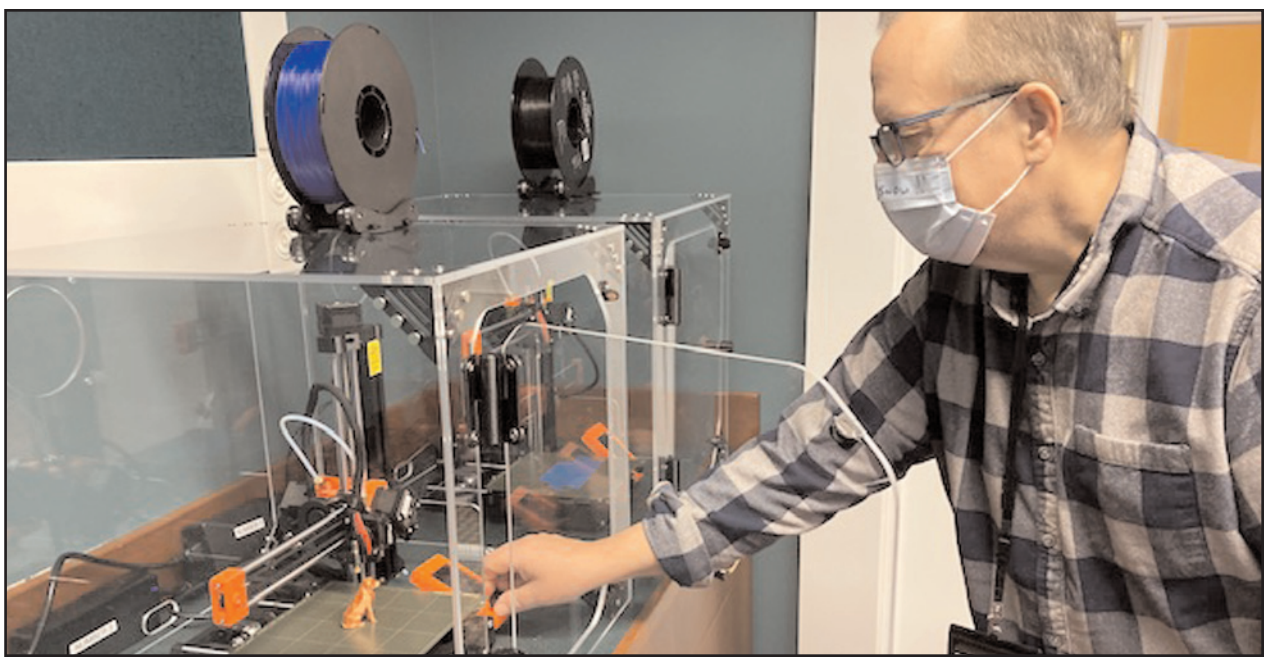
Northville - Plymouth

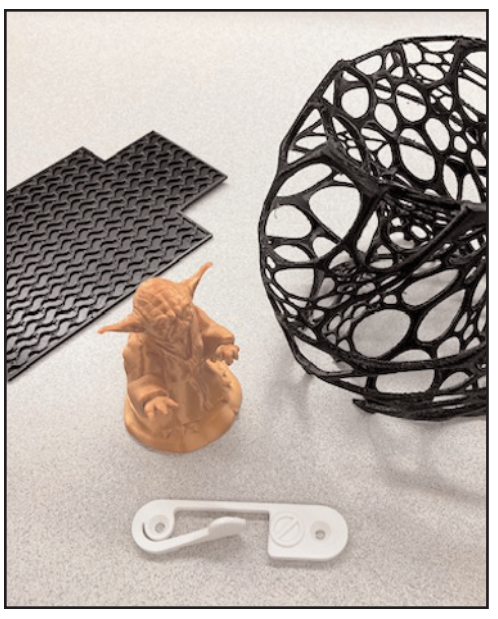
Plymouth library Creative Lab reopens to public

The creative lab at the Plymouth District Library has reopened for visitors.

The lab currently features two 3D printers, a large format printer, a Cricut cutter and six computers with the Adobe Creative Suite. Additional tools will follow on a rotating basis, said Library Director Shauna Anderson. The library envisions this space as an ever-changing place of exploration and creation, with new tools and experiences being featured at different times, she added.

The creative lab first opened in February of 2020, shortly before COVID-19 required the library to temporarily close and it had remained closed due to distancing requirements. With the return of in-person programming, the library has once again opened the space to the public with a re-imagined purpose.





"In our current climate, people want to get out of the house, explore new interests, and make something tangible. We are so excited to reopen this space to help our community do all of that and more," Anderson said.

The Adobe Creative Suite is a collection of more than 20 powerful programs for graphic design including Photoshop, Illustrator, and Lightroom. Students and designers can access these typically subscriber-only tools for free in the creative lab.

The 3D printers are Prusa MINIs that can print objects up to 7 inches square. The library will be using PLA filament/plastic in the printers. 3D printers will be operated by staff. Patrons can submit items to be printed anytime by emailing their design to print@plymouthlibrary.org. People who do not know how to design a 3D object can use a free software available online at tinkercad.com. Print rates will be 10 cents per gram of filament plus $1 per hour of printing.

The large format "poster" printer is an HP Designjet T930 with a 36-inch-wide paper roll and 1200 inches in length. The cost for prints will be 40 cents per inch for color and 20 cents per inch for black and white prints. Patrons can submit designs to be printed on the large-format poster printer to print@plymouthlibrary.org. Staff will advise patron of the cost of the job before printing. Patrons can pick up the poster once completed.

Currently, the creative lab will be open for the public to use on Thursdays only. Additional days and tools will be added over time as staffing allows and new tools become available, Anderson said.

Commission considers paid parking, new bumpouts

In addition to a plan for paid parking throughout downtown, the installation of permanent bumpout 'parklets' is also being considered by members of the Plymouth City Commission.

During a meeting earlier this month, the commissioners instructed the administration to proceed with a study which would require paid parking throughout city streets and last week, joined members of the Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission for an informational presentation regarding increasing outdoor seating capacity at restaurants with more bumpouts into city streets. The parklets are also known as street seats or curbside seating and are usually a partnership between cities and local businesses, according to officials.

Representatives from Wade Trim, the city engineering firm, presented the plan which would result in a loss of parking spaces throughout downtown while providing increased patio seating for local restaurants. The new installations would be similar in design to those already in use in the city.

> *The parklets are also known as street seats or curbside seating.*

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock stressed that the installations are only concepts and one benefit would be to remove the transient look of many of the current patio-like installations downtown. He said the concept could provide an "overall image improvement to the entire downtown."

In a prepared statement, Sincock said that no design work has been completed on the proposed bumpouts and there is no current cost estimate. He said the expense for that preliminary design work would need approval from the members of the city commission.

Chili in the Ville served

Things are bound to heat up in downtown Northville during the Chili in the Ville competition set for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

Members of both the city and township fire departments along with several local restaurants will face off in the heated chili competition. Characters from Frozen and ice sculptures will also be on site during the event, organizers said.

Visitors can vote for their favorite chili using their phone and the QR code available at participating locations throughout the downtown area. Tickets are eight for $10 and each ticket can purchase a sample size portion from one of the hopeful chili cooks.

To purchase tickets, visit MOD Market at 150 Mary Alexander Court in Northville.

Facing off against the fire department cooks will be The Lava Grille; Brown Cow Creamery; Tuscan Café, Toria;, Sweet Brew 'n Spice; Lucy and the Wolf and the Northville Sports Den.

Salem to host show

An evening of entertainment is being planned at Salem High School and tickets are now available.

The annual Salem Variety Show will have two performances, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., on Saturday, March 5. The Variety Show is hosted by the Salem Rockettes Pom team and will showcase a variety of performances including Salem Pom, music, cheer, dance, guy-girl performance, Junior Rockettes performance, School of Rock, and the much-anticipated parents' performance.

Tickets, priced at $10, can be purchased in advance on Eventbrite or at the door. Both variety shows will take place in the Salem High School gym.

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